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REMARKS

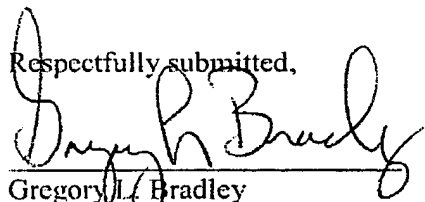
This Amendment is responsive to the July 28, 2005 Final Office Action, and cancels finally rejected claims 18, 20, 22, and 41-50. Currently, claims 1, 12, 13, and 38-40 stand allowed.

In the July 28, 2005 Final Office Action, claims 18, 20, 22, and 41-50 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) for anticipation by United States Patent No. 5,322,511 to Armbruster et al. Claims 18, 20, 22, and 41-50 further stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) for anticipation by United States Patent No. 6,569,127 to Fago et al. Finally, claims 18, 20, 22, and 41-50 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) for anticipation by United States Patent No. 5,383,858 to Reilly et al. The foregoing cancellation of these rejected claims, without prejudice or acquiescence to the rejections, renders the Examiner's rejections moot.

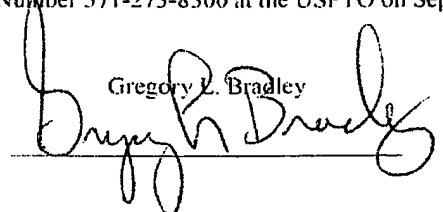
In view of the indicated allowability of claims 1, 12, 13, and 38-40 and cancellation of the rejected claims, a Notice of Allowability is now in order for this application and such is respectfully requested. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on rejected claims 18, 20, 22, and 41-50.

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